



The East Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies Act, 1949

Act 1 of 1949

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**THE EAST PUNJAB CONTROL OF BRICKS
SUPPLIES ACT, 1949**

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EAST PUNJAB ACT NO. 1 OF 1949.

[Received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 21st March, 1949 ; and first published in the East Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary) of March 25, 1949].

1 Year	2 No.	3 Short title	4 Whether repealed or otherwise affected by legislation
1949	I	The East Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies Act, 1949	Amended in part by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950. Amended in part by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951 Extended to Pepsu Territory by Punjab Act 5 of 1957 ² .

An Act to control brick Supplies in ³[Punjab].

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the East Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies Act, 1949. ^{Short title and extent.}

(2) It extends to the whole of the ⁴[State] of ⁵[Punjab]

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

Definitions.

(a) 'Brick' means any piece of burnt clay having a geometrical shape fired in a kiln;

(b) 'Kiln' means a structure used for firing bricks; and

(c) 'Dealer' means any person who deals in bricks or holds stocks of bricks for sale and includes his representative or agent.

¹For Statement of objects and Reasons See East Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary) 1949 page 47; for proceedings in the Assembly see East Punjab Legislative Assembly Debates, Volume III 1949, pages 638– 48

²For Statement of objects and reasons, see Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary) 1957 page 339

³Substituted for the word "province" by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order 1951.

⁴Substituted for the words "East Punjab" by the Adaptation of Laws Order 1950

⁵Substituted for the words "East Punjab" by the Adaptation of Laws Order 1950

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Powers to control supply, distribution or consumption of bricks.

3. The ¹[State] Government in so far as it appears to it to be necessary or expedient for controlling the supply of bricks or for securing their equitable distribution and availability at reasonable prices, may, by notified order, provide in regard to bricks—
- (a) for regulating by licences, permits or otherwise the storage, distribution, transport, acquisition, disposal, manufacture and consumption of bricks;
 - (b) for controlling the prices at which bricks may be bought or sold;
 - (c) for collecting any information or statistics with a view to regulating of the aforesaid matters;
 - (d) for requiring dealers or kiln owners, to maintain and produce for inspection such accounts and records regarding bricks and to furnish such information relating thereto, as may be specified in the order;
 - (e) for any incidental and supplementary matters including in particular the entering and search of premises, vehicles, the seizure by a person authorised to make such search of the brick, in respect of which such person has reason to believe that contravention of any order made under this Act has been, is being or is about to be committed, the grant or issue of licences, permits or other documents and the charging of fees therefor.

Delegation powers.

- of 4. The ¹[State] Government may, by order notified in the Government Gazette, direct that the power to make orders under section 3 shall, in relation to such matter and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order, be exercisable also by such officer or authority subordinate to the ¹[State] Government as may be specified in the order.

¹Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order 1950

5. Any order made under section 3 shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any enactment other than this Act or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any enactment other than this Act.

Effect of Orders
inconsistent with
other enactments.

6. If any person contravenes any order made under section 3 he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both, and if the order so provides, any court trying such contravention may direct that any property in respect of which the Court is satisfied that the order has been contravened or such part of it as the court may deem fit shall be forfeited to ¹[Government].

Penalties.

7. Any person who attempts to contravene or abets a contravention of any order under section 3 shall be deemed to have contravened that order.

Attempts and
abettments.

8. If the person contravening an order made under section 3 is a company or other body corporate every Director, Manager, Secretary or other officer or agent thereof shall, unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent such contravention, be deemed to be guilty of such contravention.

Offences by corpo-
rations.

9. If any person—

False Statement.

(i) when required by any order made under section 3 to make any statement or furnish any information, makes any statement or furnishes any information which is false in any material particular and which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be false, or does not believe to be true, or

(ii) makes any such statement as aforesaid in any book, account, record, declaration, return or other document which he is required by any such order to maintain or furnish ;

he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extent to three years or with fine or with both

¹Substituted for the words "His Majesty" by the Adaptation of Laws Order 1950.

Cognizance of offence. **10.** An offence committed under this Act shall be cognizable.

Powers to try offences summarily. **11.** Any Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates empowered for the time being to try in a summary way the offences specified in sub-section (1) of section 260 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, may, on application in this behalf made by the prosecution try in accordance ^{V of 1898} with the provisions contained in sections 262 to 265 of the said Code any offence punishable under this Act.

Presumption as to orders. **12. (1)** No order made in exercise of any power conferred by or under this Act shall be called in question in any court.

(2) Where an order purports to have been made and signed by an authority in exercise of any power conferred by or under this Act, a court shall, within ^{Icf 1872} the meaning of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, presume that such order was so made by the authority.

Protection action taken under the Act. **13. (1)** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of any order made under section 3.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the ¹[Government] for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of any order made under section 3.

¹Substituted for the word "Crown" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.